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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: INSCOM GRILL FLAME Briefing for Congressman Rose, 16 April 1981 (U)

1. (U) PURPOSE: At 1030 hrs, 16 Apr 81, I briefed Congressman Charlie Rose (Chairman, Evaluation Subcommittee of The House Permanent Committee on Intelligence) on the status of the INSCOM GRILL FLAME Program. I had last briefed Congressman Rose on 16 Jan 80.

2. (U) The following personnel attended the briefing:

Congressman Rose
 MG Thompson, ACSI
 Dick Giza, Office of Congressman Rose
 Annette Smiley, Staffer from House Intel Committee
 LTC Mike Chase, Office of Congressional Liaison
 LTC Watt, INSCOM
 MAJ O'Keefe, OACSI
 Recorder (Identity unknown)

3. (U) Congressman Rose opened the meeting with the comments that he was concerned that research into this field had to continue in an orderly manner and that the program had to be funded properly.

4. (U) Inclosure 1 shows the outline of my presentation.

5. (S/NOFORN) Congressman Rose made the following observations/comments during the briefing:

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a. (S/NOFORN) He had recently been to SRI-I and been briefed by Dr. Puthoff and [redacted] (DIA rep at SRI-I). From that briefing, he (Rose) had come away with the impression that perhaps the Army would like to break off future contacts with SRI-I. COMMENT: Both MG Thompson and I informed the Congressman that Army was still very much interested in working with SRI-I, especially becoming involved with their new training concept. However, we also explained that there were several other institutions doing valuable research in the field of parapsychology and that we wanted to make contact with them. Congressman Rose stated that was a very reasonable approach.

b. (S/NOFORN) Congressman Rose stated, again, that Remote Viewing potentially was a most valuable asset for the intelligence community and that work in that area had to continue.

c. (U) He was willing to help in any way that he could, but mentioned the commitment one makes when one "signs his name on the line."

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d. (S/NOFORN) He expressed concern with us being operational on what might be a premature basis. COMMENT: I explained that all tasking agencies are cautioned about using our information as "single source" and that all outgoing reports have a statement repeating the warning. Also, that from a psychological standpoint, it appears that better results can be obtained if the source knows that he is being asked to help on real world problems. MG Thompson stated that Ingo Swann had expressed similar thoughts to him.

6. (S/NOFORN) I summarized my presentation with the statement that many civilian organizations appear to be doing very credible work in this area, SRI included; however, they all have their own special interest(s) that they are trying to develop. This has led to a very disjointed effort and has slowed development in the field. I recommended that if DoD was going to seriously study the value of parapsychology then someone must make the decision to undertake and manage a serious effort designed to settle once and for all any questions concerning this field.

7. (U) Congressman Rose expressed his thanks for a very informative briefing and told us to keep up the outstanding work.

8. (U) The meeting adjourned at 1145 hours.



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